
DRAFT RESOLUTION EX. 2

**POSTPONING THE 8th SESSION OF THE
MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO AEWA**

Recalling Article VI, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, which states that the Agreement Secretariat shall convene ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, in consultation with the Convention Secretariat, at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise,

Further recalling the decision of the Contracting Parties through Resolution 7.13 to hold the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties in 2021,

Noting that the Contracting Parties in the same Resolution welcomed and accepted with great appreciation the offer from Hungary to host the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds,

Appreciating the extraordinary efforts made by the host Government and the Secretariat on MOP8 preparations,

Noting the decision made by the Standing Committee which concluded that an in-person meeting in October 2021 would prevent most of the African delegates and others from attending the MOP,

Acknowledging that MOP8 cannot take place in 2021 as planned due to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic,

The Meeting of the Parties:

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Hungary for its commitment to host MOP8 in Hungary in the framework of the ‘One with Nature’ international exhibition in 2021;
2. *Decides* to postpone the 8th Session of the Meeting of the Parties to the second half of 2022;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to identify a host country and/ or venue for MOP8 in 2022; and
4. *Further requests* the Standing Committee to decide on the exact timing of MOP8 in close consultation with the Secretariat and the potential host country.